

ALDBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2014 AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALDBROUGH COMMENCING 19.30HOURS

PRESENT: Cllr Sharlah Cantwell Chairman
Cllr Steve Turner Vice Chair
Cllr Tim Floater
Cllr Mick Robinson
Cllr Malcolm Turner
Cllr Geoff North
Cllr John Fox
Cllr Paul Woodward
PCSO Darren Bainton
Sarah Greenwood (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Kevin Blackwell (due to working)
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

6 members of the public attended. Mr Peter Garnett (who had recently sent emails to the Parish Council re his issues) attended and spoke about his issues, concerns and dissatisfaction with the Management of the Police Force. He gave various examples of what he felt was incompetency, however he said he did not have issues with the Policeman on the beat as he felt they were doing their best. PC Bainton advised that any issues, views or ideas the public have should be addressed to the Police & Crime Commissioner which has been set up to represent for and on behalf of the Public. The Chair did make clear that the Aldbrough Counsellors were completely pleased with PC Bainton's input for policing Aldbrough.

3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE AGENDA ITEMS BELOW;** none

4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES;** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 November 2013 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5 **POLICE MATTERS:** PCSO Darren Bainton firstly said that he would like to have a message of thanks placed on the Aldbrough Website to say thank you to Dave Smith (previous Clerk) for his help and support in Policing matters

PCSO Bainton went through the recent Crime figures and gave an update on January 2014 so far. There has recently been some vehicle crime and a success story in that some offenders (from Hull) were tracked down in Burton Pidsea and their vehicle was seized.

PCSO Bainton would like to impress on members of the Public to make contact at once if they see any prowlers or suspicious behaviour. The sooner incidents are reported the more chance of catching the offenders.

5A) **ORGANISING A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FOR ALDBROUGH;** PCSO Darren Bainton produced a poster he has distributed throughout the village inviting residents to a meeting re

organising a Neighbourhood Watch Group. The meeting is to be held this Thursday at 1pm at the Wentworth Community Centre, however, if people interested cannot make this they are welcome to contact PC Darren Bainton or email Julie.llewellyn@eastriding.gcsx.gov.uk

He gave an example of a village that have set up a Neighbourhood Watch group and they have produced a 'Welcome Pack' for new residents in which local business have advertised, useful contacts and numbers are enclosed and events/organisations etc are listed in the pack. This was very interesting to the Committee.

6 CLG GAS SITE MEETINGS; Cllr Tim Floater reported that from 20 January there will be some excess lighting (during the night) as work is being done. The storage build is now finished. Some excessive noise was reported on 26/12/2013 and again on 2/01/2014, this to be investigated. The CLG meetings are to be extended from every 6 weeks to around every 8 weeks.

7 CLERK'S EQUIPMENT; Cllr Blackwell has purchased in the January Sales from Curry's a new good speck computer with software and other useful equipment for the Clerk's usage. This will be installed this month.

8 WEBSITE UPDATE; Cllr Blackwell has at present taken over the Website and is spending time becoming familiar with it's use and ask that people be patient in the interim. The Committee agreed that a thank you to the previous Clerk, Dave Smith, should be placed on the site for his hard work in initially setting it up.

9 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT:

Cllr Mick Robinson has the 18 page inspection report (and is going to keep it) for the playground. Most of the items noted are 'niggly' little items that will be quite easy to rectify. His main concern is the molehills that keep appearing and he has contacted ERYCC dept to get expert help in getting rid of the moles.

The gateway entrance needs some attention ie a concrete base was suggested. The Bench that has been donated by Lifestyle needs to be placed on either pavers or a concrete base.

TO RESOLVE; Cllr Tim Floater said he had some pavers that he would very kindly donate to mount the bench on.

10 THE SETTING OF THE PRECEPT FOR THE COMING YEAR; The application pack was produced and it was decided by the Committee to apply for the same amount as the previous year which is £10,000. The form was signed by the Chair. **TO RESOLVE; Clerk to sign and post tomorrow (done and sent in the post that evening)**

11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 293 Seaside Road – planning application for erection of a dwelling with detached garage. Cllr John Fox said they needed to view the plans. **TO RESOLVE; Form returned asking to view the plans**

12 TO PRESENT MONTHLY ACCOUNTS UP TO END OF DECEMBER 2013: Chair read out the accounts balances and all were in agreeance with the figures and the Chair signed the form.

13 PLANTERS; The request for Parishioners to take over the tending of the 3 Planters has been kindly taken up the W.I who will tend Hornsea Road, Susan Snowden who will tend Hull Road and the Chair's daughter will tend the Garton Road planter. Many thanks and much appreciation was given. A donation of £100 each Spring has been very generously offered by the Aldbrough Campsite and so it was decided that £35 will be offered for each planter to reimburse for purchases of bulbs, flowers, fertilizer etc. Cllr Steve Turner very kindly offered to donate compost for each container and people tending the planters to contact Steve to ask for his help in this matter.

It was also agreed that there will be a prize (a Shield) for the best planter to be judged during the Annual Village Show.

14 ALLOTMENTS:

Cllr Tim Floater stated that 3 allotment holders have resigned and that there is a waiting list of 6 and the first 3 on the list will be offered a plot. The Counsellors wish to remind the plot holders it is their responsibility to keep their portion of the hedges trimmed annually. The plots backing onto the cemetery to cut the allotment side of the hedge, the top will be cut by the Cemetery Contractors. The plots bordering the grass field to the North- to keep the hedge to a height of approx 1.3mtrs and to also trim both sides. The Councillors will check the hedges towards the end of February.

Also a discussion took place regarding fixtures and fittings on plots and it was decided that any paths laid shall remain in place when the plot is vacated. Also any sheds , fences etc that were on the plot previously must also remain. Any shed or greenhouse erected by the vacating tenant may be removed by them if so desired. **TO RESOLVE; Clerk to write to allotment holders asking for yearly subs and also mention about cutting back own area of hedge. And to let the next 3 on the waiting list know they have been allocated a plot**

15 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Withernwick Community Wind Farm Fund is now available to apply for a grant. However Cllr John Fox stated that applications need to be very carefully drawn up but help is always at hand via Karen Wood, Rural Communities Officer, who will help applicants with the process. Chair said this could be something to think about preparing in readiness for the next time there is a Fund available.
- b) Re email from resident (Mr David Walker) regarding the lack of street lighting at Elm Grove/Queensmede. He has contacted the ERYCC as was suggested to him and the ERYCC have simply stated they have no funding and to re-refer back to Aldbrough Parish Council. **TO RESOLVE; Clerk to contact ERYCC and enquire as to when they will have funding available for Street Lighting.**
- c) Recieved an email from Liz Boddy re having a Christmas tree positioned nr the War Memorial. The Committee agreed that this is not possible as there is no mains connection there, however, there will always be a Christmas tree near the Church.

- d) Cllr Mick Robinson told the Committee that they had been successful in applying for the Severe Weather and Litter Grant to purchase Salt bins and litter bins. Grant offered £1031.00
- e) Rathlin Energy wrote on 11 December 2013 to update on their testing programmes and exploratory drillings. Cllr Geoff North stated that he was in communications with Rathlin on a regular basis and there will be more tests going ahead in the Spring but only on an exploratory level.
- f) Letter received from Aldbrough Leisure Park dated 6.11.2013 very kindly offering a donation of £100 per Springtime towards the upkeep of the Planters. **TO RESOLVE; Clerk to write and thank them once again for this kind donation.**
- g) Letter from St Bartholomew's Church dated 20/12/2013. Payment has been made from the Council accounts towards the Church's electricity bill of £150 and also the Chair stated that Trevor Moore is to be paid £250 for the winding of the Church Clock
TO RESOLVE; Clerk to organise this payment

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr Robinson said that the Bus Stop sign has still not been mended and neither has the Bus stop post at The Crescent, Seaside Road, which is loose TO RESOLVE; Clerk to once again contact the ER Bus Company
- Cllr Mick Robinson reported that he had made a successful application to the Withernwick Wind Farm on behalf of the Recreation Committee for funding to do multi-sporting activities at the Village Hall for school children on Monday and Tuesday evenings – these to re-start January 2014.
- Aldbrough's Emergency Plan – updating of it – to go onto next months' agenda
- Playground Insurance renewal due during the summer TO RESOLVE; Cllr Mick Robinson to investigate insurance deals.
- Salt spreaders/Salting of iced pavements; Cllr Paul Woodward is to take on the organisation of this. He will be recording where the salt is administered. Volunteers are needed for this task and ease of access to the spreaders. It was suggested that the salt be kept fresh in bags within the salt bins otherwise it will become clogged and be impossible to spread. **TO RESOLVE; Cllr Paul Woodward to look into these matters.**
- The Bridge nr Londis Shop. An update is needed re this bridge. ERYCC were going to send an engineer to inspect the bridge to see what can be done but nothing has been reported up to now. TO RESOLVE; Clerk to chase this up with ERYCC
- The Chairman reported that the Poorfields Vouchers had been delivered yesterday (Sunday 12/1/2014) 79 in all were delivered. They have to be spent by 25 January 2014
- Chairman reported that the street light number 6 on Queensmead is out **TO RESOLVE; Clerk to let ERYCC street lighting dept know**
- Chairman reminded all at the meeting that this year was the Centenary of the 1st World War and suggested that it should be commemorated in some way by placing

a headstone with the cenotaph. However, any ideas, please bring them to the meeting next month so action can begin in time for this remembrance event. **TO RESOLVE; Cllr Tim Floater is going to get some quotes from a Stonemason. Committee to bring any ideas to the next meeting for discussion.**

- Cllr Paul Woodward wanted to bring to the attention of all the repair of the bridge over a stream which runs through a public footpath in a field nr the Witherwick Road which has been done by the Farmer and thanks and appreciation was given by all.
- Cllr Paul Woodward informed everyone that all of the volunteer First Responders have handed in their notice, Paul has dealt with 4 callouts himself within the last month. The First Response group for Aldbrough area have one defibulator, oxygen and a First Aid kit.
Recruitments are desperately needed and Yorkshire Ambulance Service have been asked to supply a poster asking for volunteers. **TO RESOLVE; Awaiting poster. Cllr Tim Floater is going to contact the Gas site to see if anyone there would be interested in becoming a volunteer.**
- Cllr Steve Turner said he had attended a Church Service held by the New Vicar and he welcomed her into the village as did the rest of the meeting.

The meeting was concluded and closed by the Chairman who thanked everyone for attending and for their input. Ended 9.30 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY at 7.30PM at THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SIGNED: DATE;